EXHIBIT A PENDING CLAIMS

Divisional Application of 09/292,242 (4020.000500; NUBI:005)

21. A substantially purified sphingo-phosphoinositol analogue of a phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol, ceramide or sphingosine residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S and wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

$$R^{1}$$
 Q
 OH
 P
 O
 Y
 C
 X
 OH
 OR^{3}
 OR^{4}

wherein:

R¹ = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof, or Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof;

 R^3 , R^4 , $R^5 = H$ or $Q(T)(OH)_2$;

Q = P, ³²P or ³³P;

 $T = O, S \text{ or } ^{35}S;$

W, X, Y, $Z = {}^{2}H$, ${}^{3}H$ or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

22. A substantially purified C-phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol or the C-phosphonate-phosphatidyl residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S and wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

$$RO - CH_2$$
 $RO - CW$

$$CH_2$$

$$H_2C$$

$$P = O$$

$$X$$

$$R^3O - CH_2$$

$$OH$$

$$CH_2$$

$$OH$$

$$OR^4$$

wherein:

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

23. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound comprises at least a first (poly)unsaturated fattyacyl residue.

wherein:

X = H, ²H or ³H; Y = alkyl, CH_3 , H or (O protecting group);

 R^1 = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof, or Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof;

 R^3 , R^4 , $R^5 = (OH protecting group), <math>(Q(T)(O protecting group)_2)$, $(Q(T)(OH)(O \text{ protecting group}) \text{ or } (Q(T)(OH)_2);$

 R^2 , $R^6 = H$ or (OH protecting group);

Q = P, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ; T = O, S or ^{35}S ; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

25. A synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled C-phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, said synthetic intermediate comprising temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl, phosphonate and phosphate positions other than the position into which the isotopic label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic intermediate has one of the *myo*-inositol-based structures:

wherein:

X = H, ²H or ³H; Y = alkyl, CH₃, H or (O protecting group); R', R" = fattyacyl, alkyl or H; R³, R⁴, R⁵ = (OH protecting group), (Q(T)(O protecting group)₂), (Q(T)(OH)(O protecting group) or (Q(T)(OH)₂); R², R⁶ = H or (OH protecting group); Q = P, ³²P or ³³P; T = O, S or ³⁵S; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label.

26. A synthetic precursor of a synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled sphingophosphoinositol analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, wherein said synthetic precursor has a ketone group at the position into which an isotopic ²H or ³H label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic precursor has one of the structures:

wherein:

 $Y = alkyl, CH_3 \text{ or } H;$

R¹ = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof, or Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof;

 R^3 , R^4 , $R^5 = (OH protecting group), <math>(Q(T)(O protecting group)_2)$, $(Q(T)(OH)(O \text{ protecting group}) \text{ or } (Q(T)(OH)_2);$

 R^2 , $R^6 = H$ or (OH protecting group); and

Q = P, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ; and T = O, S or ^{35}S .

27. A synthetic precursor of a synthetic intermediate of an isotopically labelled C-phosphonate analogue of a phosphoinositide compound, wherein said synthetic precursor has a ketone group at the position into which an isotopic ²H or ³H label is to be introduced; wherein said synthetic precursor has one of the structures:

wherein:

Y = alkyl, CH₃ or H; R', R" = fattyacyl, alkyl or H; R³, R⁴, R⁵ = (OH protecting group), (Q(T)(O protecting group)₂), (Q(T)(OH)(O protecting group) or (Q(T)(OH)₂); R², R⁶ = H or (OH protecting group); and Q = P, 32 P or 33 P; and T = O, S or 35 S.

- 28. The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate comprises at least a first (poly)unsaturated fattyacyl residue.
- 29. The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor comprises at least a first (poly)unsaturated fattyacyl residue.
- 30. The sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound of claim 21, wherein said phosphoinositide compound further comprises at least a second stable or radioactive isotope label within the ceramide or sphingosine residues of said sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound.

- 31. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound further comprises at least a second stable or radioactive isotope label within the alkyl or fattyacyl residues of said C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound.
- 32. The sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound of claim 21, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1D-*myo*-inositol.
- 33. The sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound of claim 21, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 34. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 35. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 36. The synthetic intermediate of claim 24, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1D-*myo*-inositol.
- 37. The synthetic intermediate of claim 24, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 38. The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1D-*myo*-inositol.
- 39. The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 40. The synthetic precursor of claim 26, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 41. The synthetic precursor of claim 26, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.

- 42. The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1D-myo-inositol.
- 43. The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on 1L-myo-inositol.
- 44. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 45. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-1-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 46. The C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphoinositide compound has a structure based on *rac*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 47. The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 48. The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-1-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 49. The synthetic intermediate of claim 25, wherein said synthetic intermediate has a structure based on *rac*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 50. The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 51. The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on *sn*-glycero-1-phospho as glycerol residue.
- 52. The synthetic precursor of claim 27, wherein said synthetic precursor has a structure based on *rac*-glycero-3-phospho as glycerol residue.

53. A substantially purified sphingo-phosphoinositol phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol, ceramide or sphingosine residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S; wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

wherein:

R¹ = Ceramide residue or derivative thereof, or Sphingosine residue or derivative thereof;

R³ R⁴ R⁵ = H or O(T)(OH);

 R^3 , R^4 , $R^5 = H$ or $Q(T)(OH)_2$; Q = P, ^{32}P or ^{33}P ; T = O, S or ^{35}S ; W, X, Y, $Z = ^2H$, 3H or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label and further comprises temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl and phosphate positions other than the position of at least a first stable or radioactive ²H and ³H isotope label.

54. A substantially purified C-phosphonate phosphoinositide compound that comprises at least a first stable or radioactive isotope label within the inositol or glycerol residue of said phosphoinositide compound; wherein said stable or radioactive isotope label is selected from the group consisting of ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P and ³⁵S; wherein said phosphoinositide compound has the *myo*-inositol-based structure:

$$RO - CH_2$$
 $RO - CW$

$$CH_2$$

$$H_2C \longrightarrow OH$$

$$HO \longrightarrow Y$$

$$X \longrightarrow OR^4$$

$$OR^4$$

wherein:

R', R" = fattyacyl, alkyl or H; R³, R⁴, R⁵ = H or Q(T)(OH)₂; Q = P, 32 P or 33 P; T = O, S or 35 S; W, X, Y, Z = 2 H, 3 H or H; and

wherein said structure contains at least one ²H, ³H, ³²P, ³³P or ³⁵S as isotopic label and further comprises temporary protecting groups at hydroxyl and phosphate positions other than the position of at least a first stable or radioactive ²H and ³H isotope label.

EXHIBIT B EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO SERIAL NO. 09/292,242

The following explanations of the changes in the substitute specification are made with reference to the text of Application Serial No. 09/292,242 as originally filed.

At page 2, lines 3-4 of the text, the deleted text reads "claims priority to co-pending U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/081,847, filed April 15, 1998. The entire text and figures of this disclosure is" and the inserted text reads --is a continuation of co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/292,242, filed April 15, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/081,847, filed April 15, 1998. The entire text and figures of these disclosures are--.

At page 4, lines 2 and 18 of the text, each instance of the deleted text reads "labelling" and each instance of the inserted text reads --labeling--.

At page 6, line 21 of the text, the deleted text reads "sn-glcero" and the inserted text reads --sn-glycero--.

At page 12, lines 19, 21 and 28 of the text, each instance of the deleted text reads "labelling" and each instance of the inserted text reads --labeling--.

At page 13, line 28 of the text, the deleted text reads "1-phoshphatidyl" and the inserted text reads --1-phosphatidyl--.

At page 13, line 29 of the text, the deleted text reads "labelling" and the inserted text reads --labeling--.

At page 14, line 30 of the text, the deleted text reads "Bu₄NHSO₃," and the inserted text reads -- Bu₄NHSO₄,--.

At page 16, line 23 of the text, the deleted text reads "2-phosphatidyl-1-OH" and the inserted text reads --1-phosphatidyl-1-OH--.

At page 17, line 12 of the text, the deleted text reads "labelling" and the inserted text reads --labeling--.

At page 19, line 29 of the text, the deleted text reads "labelling" and the inserted text reads --labeling--.

At page 24, line 14 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 24, line 15 of the text, the deleted text reads "bisphosphate (DPPtdIns-4,5-P₂)" and the inserted text reads --bis(dibenzylphosphate)--.

At page 25, line 1 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 25, line 2 of the text, the deleted text reads "bisphosphate" and the inserted text reads -- bis(dibenzylphosphate)--.

At page 25, line 4 of the text, the deleted text reads "intermediate" and the inserted text reads -- intermediates--.

At page 25, line 4 of the text, the deleted text reads "labelling" and the inserted text reads --labeling--.

At page 26, line 28 of the text, the deleted text reads "Experiemnts" and the inserted text reads -- Experiments--.

At page 27, line 3, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 5, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 9 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 12 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 14 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 16 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 26 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 27, line 28 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3.6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 2 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 6 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 8 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 11 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 14 of the text, insert after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 16 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 18 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 22 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3.6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 24 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 28, line 26 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 2 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 3 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 4 of the text, the deleted text reads "genral" and the inserted text reads --general--.

At page 29, line 4 of the text, between "product" and "identical", the inserted text reads --8a (X=H)--.

At page 29, line 5 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 9 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 11 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 15 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 18 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 19 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 21 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 23 of the text, the deleted text reads "the" and the inserted text reads --a--.

At page 29, line 26 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 29, line 28 of the text, after "- phospho" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 30, line 1 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.

At page 30, line 5 of the text, after "- phospho)" the inserted text reads -- -3,6-di-O-benzyl--.